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SUBJ: SEATO EXERCISE SEATEX 53

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1. REFERENCE MESSAGE INDICATES U.S. PARTICIPATION IN SEATO EXERCISE SEATEX 53 WILL AT LEAST INCLUDE CIVILIAN AGENCY PARTICIPATION AND POSSIBLY EXCLUDE ANY U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS PROPOSED SHIFT; HOWEVER, THE INITIAL SEATO PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR SEATEX 53 PROBABLY WILL BE HELD IN JULY OR AUGUST OF THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY BY THAT TIME WASHINGTON WILL HAVE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WHICH AGENCY WILL PLAY THE LEAD ROLE IN THIS SEATO ENGINEER AND COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT, SEATEX 53.

2. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS MOST DESIRABLE THAT KEY MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS WHICH ARE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE CIVIC ACTION EXERCISES BE PRESENT FOR THE PLANNING CONFERENCE. IN SHORT, THE AGENCIES THAT ARE

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GOING TO BE TASKED MUST BE ALERTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE,

BEGIN TO IDENTIFY THEIR KEY PERSONNEL AND COMMENCE TO FOCUS
ON THE PLANNING FOR SEATEX 53 IN ORDER TO AVOID CON-
FUSION AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL PLANNING CONFERENCE.
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